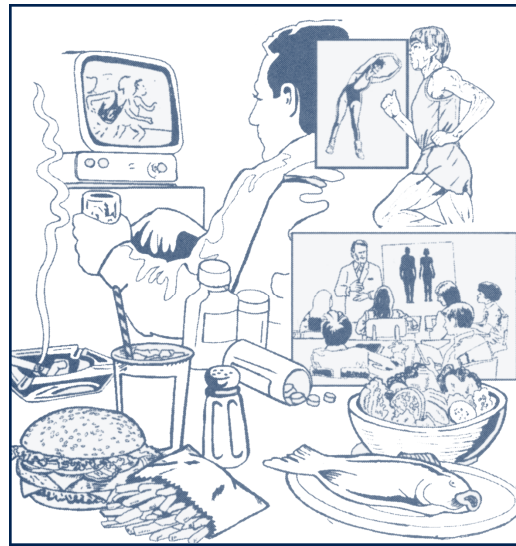


MISSISSIPPI CHRONIC ILLNESS COALITION
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Mississippi Chronic Illness Coalition

A Collaborative Effort
Of Individuals, Agencies,
and Organizations



History of the Mississippi Chronic Illness Coalition

Formed in 1996, the MCIC first concentrated its efforts on diabetes. After three years, the group expanded its focus to include cardiovascular disease and arthritis and their related complications.

The coalition continues to follow the incidence of chronic illness in Mississippi, and will continue to expand their focus to meet the needs of all Mississippians.

What Can MCIC Do For You?

If you or your organization would like the MCIC to help you distribute information regarding an upcoming event, please contact the Mississippi State Department Of Health, Health Promotion at 601/576-7781.

The Coalition provides information to the membership, and your event can be added to that list.

Additionally, MCIC is an excellent source for contacts throughout the state to help you find the resources you may need to accomplish your goals. MCIC members work at various state agencies, private hospitals, and volunteer organizations, to name just a few.

Mission

Toward the goal of improving the long-term health of all Mississippians, the mission of the Mississippi Chronic Illness Coalition (MCIC) is to reduce the prevalence, complications, cost, and disability attributable to those chronic health problems that have been shown to have the greatest impact on the state's citizens.

Objectives

The coalition serves as an advocate in statewide chronic illness issues to accomplish the following objectives:

- Identify existing resources relating to chronic illness throughout the state and coordinate efforts among the resource groups.
- Increase chronic illness awareness among all sectors of the population.
- Improve access for those with chronic illnesses to health promotion, prevention, and treatment programs.
- Promote provider education relating to chronic illness throughout the state.
- Gather and disseminate existing data that defines the burden of chronic illness.

Membership

MCIC membership includes professional and lay representatives of the public and private sector throughout Mississippi who are interested in chronic illness and who endorse the mission of the the coalition. MCIC meets two to four times each year in Jackson.



Active members must attend at least one general meeting per fiscal year and participate on a standing committee. Membership dues are not required.

Supporting members promote the mission and objectives of the MCIC but do not meet the criteria of active membership and do not have voting privileges.

The coalition seeks a diverse membership representative of all sectors of the community including health and health related professions; health, human service, or other professional associations; educators; religious groups; business or civic organizations; neighborhood or citizen groups; legislators; and any individual or group interested in reducing chronic illness in Mississippi.

For more information, contact the

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Organization Name (if Organizational Membership) _____	
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City _____	State _____ Zip: _____
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